

**SOLICITATION NO. DE-SOL-0003490, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE  
STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE**

**Questions/Comments 3 (Final RFP)**

65. Question/Comment: Reference: Section L.16(d)(2) Transition Indirect Costs. The RFP requires that indirect costs during transition be "...clearly identified showing allocation bases, rates, and results of the application.... Show trends and budgetary data to provide a basis for evaluating the reasonableness of the rates." In cases where the subcontractors are utilized to provide services during transition, can this data be provided directly to the Government to protect proprietary data? If so, how should this data be transmitted?

**Response: See Section L.13(f)(4)(i)(D).**

66. Question/Comment: Reference Section L, Attachment C, Instructions for Small Business Subcontracting Plan. The Model Subcontracting Plan Outline, Section I, item A, requests Offerors to provide percent of planned subcontracting to veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB). Section L.14(b)(3), Small Business Subcontracting Plan, which provides the DOE established SB subcontracting goals for FY13, does not include a stated goal for VOSBs. Is there an established goal for this classification of small business?

**Response: There is no VOSB goal established for FY 2013.**

67. Question/Comment: Reference Section L.14(b)(2), Representations and Certifications. This section states that the Offeror shall provide a fully executed Section K including an Organizational Conflicts of Interest (OCI) Disclosure Statement. However, Section K.7(b) states that "An offeror notified that it is the apparently successful offeror shall provide the statement..." This appears in conflict to Section L. Please confirm that the OCI Disclosure Statement is required after proposer is selected for final negotiations.

**Response: Offerors must follow the instructions in L.14(b)(2).**